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July 30, 1933
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Dearest Mumsie Honey;

Yaw letter of June 30 is here + was so glad for word of yaw. Sorry Eula's headache still keeps on! Hope she can at least have a vacation without! Yaw mentioned Bee's home — who is there? Is he married again or who keep the baby? Yaw speak of doing nothing yet — wing away! That is just what happens to us — especially out here! We get up at six put on bathing suits + go to the rocks for Bible study + prayer till 7 — swim + eat at 7:30. Swim again at 11 — Have nap, after another swim, tea at 4:30 supper at seven!! So the day goes — I have managed to get some more report letters off + will mail a few typed copies I'll

tell you later to whom & then if you want to copy some of them for the rest O.K. do as you think best;

I mailed the picture-folder this a.m. to you at Bonnie's since you said you'd be there during August; Please let Bonnie's see them & then mail them at once to Elnor Shenk 420 S. Stephens St. Roseburg & tell her (when they're finished to return it to you the S.W. Oregon Presbyterial

You can send it to Calvary Rural Portland after you've used it there in Oregon City, Woodburn, Bethel, Aurora & Jervais, Calvary might then give it to the Grande Ronde & Pendleton Presbyteries, which reminds me I understood from some of your letters that it was whole state Synodical to whom I belonged but according

3] to Mrs Elliott's (N.Y. Board) it is just Pendleton + Grande Ronde Presbyterials. Anyway it is all right. That's nice then Enterprise does send to me now. But too what about that Braunville society — was that just a suggested plan to help support or where does that go in Theyare Willamette Pres. aren't they? Then I was not aware at all of the D. Fms. at Oregon City. That is a surprising — I wonder when was it organized — I suppose I should write them directly one of these days. Is that for support or merely for capitalizing one Kraun for missionary interest. Not that it matters only it does — since I'd better be able to write them

Matter, martha has the most marvelous cleaner powder in a can I'd like 5 or six cans of it. It is 50 ¢

4) a can + will do nicely for me to give to foreigners here for Christmas remembrances get it at:

Arnett's Purfect Cleaner Co

99 Chauncy Street

Boston Mass'.

might have them mail it direct only package direct from manufacturers always come in under higher duty because it appears a business affair. So yaw may like to get some too, so yaw might ~~e~~mail it. I think of that gold of mine yaw envy. Some one letter you asked about a christmas gift. There is a "Plainfield" map of stars — Jessed to have the address but I haven't but it was Plainfield N.Y. Yaw might

5] buy a card to Planiphere Co., Plainfield N.Y. & if that reaches order it. All of you get me a planisphere & I'll be happy!

This is August 1. It is lovely out here so cool! My but it has been hot!! The woves are gorgeous. Last nite we had a weiner roast down on the rocks. A fire in rocks made a fireplace & we surely had a nice time. Then we all sat to sing till late. I have enjoyed the guitar that we nearly missed the boat for so much. Anita & Irvin & I play it together — funny? She can hear the change in chords which I can't & I can play it & she can't so we combine & she points to the changes & we play most anything! Fun anyway. How much richness music gives to life! This guitar is a fine one.

(4) I'm inclosing my new envelopes so you can see them. Still have a few old ones - but these were just printed. Cut paper too.
Yes we planted Bess's lily seed a lot of it - Some is growing all right - not much. Mr. Van Deusen is doing more now than I with them. My larkspur now are lovely!
Let me know what goes on with the new Board idea —
No dear that 25¢ postage is what it has been for over a year at least it is about the same that you put on 25¢ Mexican or about 5¢ american gold. I think these new stamps seem much plainer than the old + that is why you notice it. It is the same as before I went home or about that time.
We surely are enjoying the group we have here. They are so

Congenial + pleasant in every way
the cook surely makes delicious
foreign food, Costs more here
each day 1.00 Mex. about $1 a day
orders to in gold. Costs more
than for me to live on Chinese food
but the change is good.
If Ray gets back later than
you + a package of printed
matter arrives for him you
may open them + read them
+ let Bud + Bernie read
. I have the story of the
Chinese wedding. Some here have
suggested they should be published
— well see what you think.
I writing Ray to see + write
to a few places or decide
before mailing them out to
anyone. So if you read
them first A.K. but don't
do anything. Bud if you
have any idea — you +
Ray confab! I think it is

& very unlikely that women & missions will use it! I had in mind the supporting groups when I wrote it. Miss Ida's anal cut out the illustrations after her cousin drew them, I think that they are very attractive myself!

I'm going thru that old letter of Alta's letters you sent. Thanks Bertha for her prayers & love — was glad to hear from Mrs. Ellsworth & had a old letter of yours.

Yes I want picture cards. Christmas cards — now I don't need.

Maybe I mentioned new daughters-in law — but not all of the letters are long dear, there are new sons & children too.

Petting quilts — new lamb thin wares all over the porch. The blue glass pendant that Bessie liked I broke. I'm

9/ just now typing to bargain as I write for a string of blue beads for her, I got Katherine Marshall Felderbi's + sister's last trip pin etc! I'll mail in a few weeks! Got that little amber I was to get out for Grace Weber so duplicated it by a smaller one — the only one that I've seen at all. Glad to get it.

— Ezra Hallister's matter is here from Orange, Cal. just arrived, I told him I hoped he realized how lucky he is to have her. She is to be here for several months. My! but it seems a long time long dear - yet not so long either since I saw you - Think of you so often — I am so proud of my dear mumsie mine. I'll ask mrs Tom when I go in about

10/ the characters on the banner
I'm rather forget - + have no
record here,
- I have a lot of letters to write
as usual! — feel tho I've
terribly neglected all during
the year + want to get
Warren's + Budi's + Bernyce
some real letters off. I
did so enjoy Bindi's last
one —
I had the Christmas service for the
Servants out here. Sun. 9 a.m.
Hope you have a nice nice
vacation dearest mumsie,
Give my love to all there —
I love you my own sweet
honey dear,

Love, Irene

Mother: Did you get the order I sent — about getting money from the Board? I'll enclose another in case not. I have about 50 gold in my safe in Shanghai if you have any trouble I can get them to sell it + send a draft or something like that. It is safe here — not likely to be lost at all. None so far has been charged to me but it would be slow getting out there.

You get what you need, just let me know so I can check out the rest is all! Don't worry about that! Love.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
NEW 2 TSI YANG ROAD,
TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

August 21, 1933

The Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York
Attn: of the Treasurer;

Dear Mr. Carter;

This is to authorize you to send money from my salary to Mrs. E.J. Forsythe, 710 Jefferson Street, Oregon City, Oregon, as she requests whether by monthly sums or in one lump payment - not to exceed at anytime the month's salary.

Yours truly
Irene Forsythe

This a.m. Aug. 24 – the postal money order
$ 8 from Bertha here. Now I've had
the other money order $5 or 19.70 mexwhich
must be the pajama money. Then
that leaves the $5 cord (one bit of
mor + Sanek's $2.50 then there for
those things. I want you to have
it. Yaw get the Board to send
yaw that fig + do ask them to send
yaw for sure some per month!
I'm sure so slow getting a letter off!
I've been mailing these reports. Some of
letters so I thought to just put a note
in the reports but of course that
would not do. So had to put letter
in yours at last. I had report all
in but realized with corner cut so
found out last nite that it won't
do so I've corrected some errors +
+ readdressed all of them now. I
hope they will return them to yaw. You
can see when else to mail to.
Thank Ray for the clippings. My that
wet map reminds me of the days of

3) trying to get it dry a state at a time. How sicking it is! The one on China is true I guess. We all surely need patience to see her out of it all!

Sunday Aug 27.

Dear Mumie:

Now, how days do fly bly yes bly! for by! It is now Sun + I doubt if this off yet - You already had the letters full of letters to everyone else but you I expect, and you'll be wondering when yours is due. - at least you'll know I'm alive + able to send letters - if that is any comfort; I have some letters from you I'll go thru first. Glad you'd a nice visit with Glennie. I didn't remember before when we went that way that yours read hurt so with the altitude, perhaps it is from the different pressure in your blood now. It surely is nice of them to remember me. I need it also, Sorry about Clyde if he has to lose his place, Maybe he can find a Republican state + get a place. What about returning to Oregon,

Yes mumie the pajama news you had told me before. Surely is fine Glennie + Arthur are so well!

I came home just about a week ago from the Ituk. It was a great change a good vacation. I didn't just rest very much of the time. We went lots + swam lots + I ruratt a lot, + then

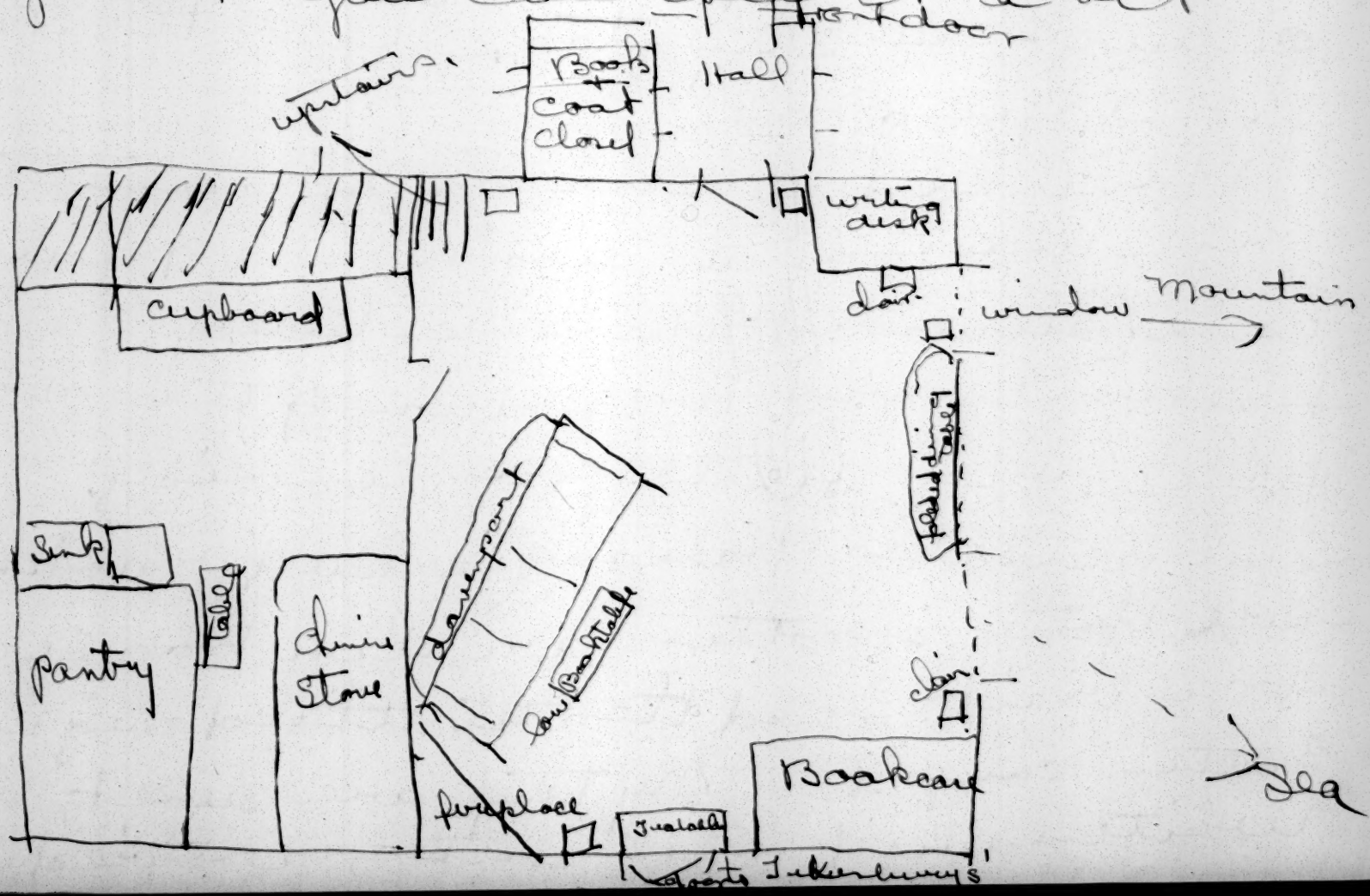
a couple of weeks had a recurrance of piles preceded by diahrea much worse than ever before but Dr. Weisler still doesn't want to operate; isn't sure it is bad enuf to at the least now is too great anyway! Maybe later but that will not be any trouble I'm sure. Don't worry about it, There has been a big meeting here from delegates from all our Shantung. I didn't go first few days had the mood to sleep so I slept — The last two days I had the morning prayer service + have been going over some of — Just back now from a little chapel in suburb of Tsingtao. Thank the Master for helping me!

I have had a session of guests. There was a group of us "singles" — 9 guests + Anita (She wanted to be remembered) Martha + folks I lived with during the month + Hallie + her sister from America.

That is Adelia Hallock (Anhwei, Yanhsuchow) her father + mother are here from America for a visit. I had them the third night with 3 other couples. My they are sweet, her mother white-haired + her father, a retired pastor

5/ in Rochester N.Y. is just a dear! altho my room is small about like your living room & I still can get around the table. Of course the table has to be all opened up & set as soon as they enter we just sit at the table. It was such fun to give these American friends some nice Chinese food. The cook has gotten quite a reputation. Everyone (many) say to me "ah! it is your cook who makes such nice Chinese food". Then what else can I do but invite them! Rather hard on my pocket book tho' ha - However I'm glad to have a little home to invite them too. You've had the picture now of one corner that's all I can get for windows make taking photos not easy. I may try.

Here is plan. You can see it a bit



6). Had a table full of Chinese guests too!
Want to have station members, before Luckeys
come + them later too, Sky is quite
a little entertaining one must do when
in — but Bill soon be gone + not have
to.
Will be planing to go. Just now is the
very busiest time out in the country,
cutting Kaoliang + doing the fall work.
Shipe had a rain which has revived
the nearly dead Kaoliang + it has
grown up a bit so will have to wait
a little till they get it cut. See it
grows so tall that bandits can hide in it
+ this year has been particularly upset;
Want to wait till Luckeys come +
help welcome them too. —

Dear Roy.

I've had the document regarding Union
Savings being taken over by another company
+ reissuing of stock etc. mailed in N.Y.
July 26. + now July 5. had a letter from
Board saying they had rec'd $20.00 paid
for me from U.S. Loan Co. "Pursuant to Court
Order number 109-304, we are now authorized
to return to Union shareholders all monies
deposited ~~by~~ them subsequent to Nov 6. 1931."

what is the connection? I didn't see any such in the document. Are they doing in by degrees. My deposit was paid up Jan. 16. 1932. $10 per month.
Now another letter valuates my stock at $1172.87 that was Jan 16. report. a later one says reduced 35%. Well, anything you think best to do with yours. My pass book is in Hands of Board so you can correspond with them if they have to be passed in. Do we choose what kind of stock we'd get in newers, or take some of both kinds or is it assigned. What you think is best you do. Thank you heaps — It surely is a help to be able to "cast your burdens on others! Thank you so for all your help —

I hope upon had a grand vacation & that it has done all a world of good. May this new year be a rich rich one in sharing christ & His life with each one you meet —

Love to all. Boys Lad did you like California

Love to all

Irene

Sept 20. 1933
Out in Country -

Dear Minnie:

The soak with law to make a trip into town tomorrow so I'll get a note off to you. There is an old lady here in the room talking in a loud voice — so I just can't seem to concentrate - I'll have to develop this again. Anyway, she is a precious old lady — 75 years formerly a ritel - doctor worship for her to pray for them & heal diseases. Her three sons are no good at all. She has now really confessed her sins & repented & has left all of that demon-worship. She surely is changed I'm so glad for her change that I can stand her interrupting the letter easily. I was first going to write Mrs. Sigismund at Sutter's but can't concentrate enuf at this time. So if this letter is

~~aff~~ you'll know why.

Miss Law is so much better + is here for which we are so grateful. It seemed at first as if we'd have to leave her in Tsingtao + I come on here without her. My – we surely did have a time getting off! Our 1st a letter – message came from here saying we weren't to come bandits ~~too~~ bad. The message supposedly sent on Sunday, 9th Thurs. noon. Miss Hsu's letter came saying that all was peaceful + for us to come at once. We were surely puzzled to know what to do! The leader spent the day trying to get in touch with the messenger. At last we did find him + found the word sent wrong. So we began packing in earnest ~~Thursday~~ day. Sat a.m. we got off. Miss Law stood the trip very well We went 1½ hrs. in a bus + then we all waited with our luggage beside the river while the coolies

3] tried to tire barrows! We had a long wait while the bargaining went on, At last all our junk was on the barrow- & two mules ready for us to ride, We went to a little inn, ate a bit & rested but too many fleas kept us from sleeping so we got up & mounted our steeds. By the time we were near here miss Jan was just hanging onto the saddle but she is rested now. Had a class this A.M. for first time. She surely was nearer death's door than we realized. Thanks be to Him we are here & well now, for afternoon -

Now class is over & we're down by the river side. Miss Ida is washing clothes in the stream with a rock as washboard. This is the church group that gave me the bride's shirt, you remember my telling about the dignified elder's presenting it. He is still as dignified & nice. The retot he says he thinks is not suitable for this climate. The first year tho it did have seeds that ripened. They planted it the second year too but didn't do well. They were evidently not willing to

± plough under the leaves — but even so the roots should have done something for the soil. See they plant eatables between rows of trees + every inch is used. There is no such thing as our clean rows of orchards. So when they'd used the land for fuel off of it, so they dried the leaves for fuel. He said to thank you! Please tell the Bettons. Shy to spend more on fertilizer that can be put on I guess — they can't afford to let a piece be unproductive for the season — even if it be more productive the next. I thank them very much. Will have to try another experiment.

I want to write Mrs. Sigmund so will close this rate with lots of love, Eula + Ray back? Have a good vacation? Hope all have had a good change + rest. I am so grateful to be back to the villages! May the master keep your sacrifice from being in vain mother mine —

Much love, Irene

Bo Pu. Sept. 29, '33

Dearest Mattie mine + all:

The victrola's spring has something wrong with it so that mean a trip in town. Since three days we will mostly be going to non-christian villages holding meetings on the streets we need it to announce our arrival. We hope to get in + back in one day from here by bus after a walk of seven miles to the bus, my watch too is stopped so he can take it along too, + this note.

The class at Shil Kow closed on Sun. There were five women baptized + now, should have seen 13 babies stunted; they were so cute in their bright flowered garments. Quite an array. Got a picture of them but in a fine rain so how good it will be - will be a question.

monday a.m. we went to a nearby village — to the home of one of the pupils in the Shil Kow church school & there Mrs Law talked to, a quite a large group that gathered. This is harvest season here & all are busy. The orchards are lovely — persimons (you remember we ate in N.Y.) dates pears & apples & little round red sour haws. These last are lovely — just loaded with red haws about the size of a shelled walnut. This is a mountain area & I surely enjoy the scenery as well as the cool bracing air of morning & evening.

The house next in here is quite fine. Just a woman & her daughter here & we have two connecting rooms. The woman Mrs. Wang sells medicine (like mine) So can't open my box here — It wouldn't do especially since

3). she isn't a Christian to run in opposition to her. I have had a row of running ears" the since she hasn't had medicine & I'd already promised a little girl, In fact she'd already walked 3 miles a day for a week to have it treated at Shih Kau. Yesterday a woman came & I prescribed but since this woman had iodine I told her to go to her for it. Want to be careful not to offend her,

A man near here (will go the Mon.) was recently converted & a group of earnest Christians has sprung up. One man because of persecution said his not let them use the room his family fixed up. — Suddenly he, (one in the family) became so ill that he just rolled & writhed in pain even out to the street. All known methods were used medicine he vomited, needles were

4) put in to bleed him to no avail; massage too failed. The Christians began to pray for him & he was better at once. His wife said "You quickly accept Jesus & quit your opposition!" He said "Yes, I believe" The next A.M. he was perfectly well & his opposition has ceased.

This morning while Mrs Hubbard class here, Mrs Jan & I started out to talk to folks at their orchards. We then decided to go to next village. A couple of men selling second-hand clothes had preceded us & called out a crowd so we rested until they had gone & talked to this group a couple of hours. It is wonderful the Way He just does lead & open doors for us. There are two non-Christian women who before last year

5] were the most bitterly opposed to christianity. They have been to the classes each day & one said this morning "I want to accept Jesus". The village where we went this a.m. used to persecute old Mr. Corbett terribly. How different it is now — Oh we must be instant in season & out of season to tell the story of love to those who know it not!

Please pray especially about the Bible classes in the Boys & Girls High Schools in Tsingtao. They met on Thursday. 22 girls signed up. Haven't heard re the boys.

Tell the S.S. I gave a talk of the S.S. pictures that Ruth had saved for me to the Shih Kau church. The ones who gave

by nettie bride's skirts. They laid newly whitewashed their walls + had no pictures up at all. So Pastor Chas put on the chairs for the stories + for Sun. at communion service they were all put up on the walls. They looked so nice + they were all glad to have them.

Most time for afternoon class. There are students — about a dozen pupils from the little school several young girls + women who fill the little school house.

I love your dear ones so much — you seem near — yet far — yet in Him I know we're not far off.

Memorie you back to Rays.

Much much love to all

— Irene

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
NEW 2 TSI YANG ROAD,
TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

September 11, 1933

Dearest Mumsie:

Well, this is a happy day indeed. The final word has come from Dr. Weinaker that Mis Tan is entirely free from amoeba. She has been home since Wednesday & we've been trying to get her strength back & while she appeared well there were spots in the last stool in the hospital & we weren't sure till today that there weren't still spots, + there'd be more spots + blots. But she is so much better. My! She has been a sick girl. I'm so glad we were in home. I fear for her life if we'd been out — at least it would have been so much worse. The cook has been laid up today — so I've been cooking & scrubbing things up a bit — the mood comes on me when I've time & can be in the kitchen. I have just finished & brought my letter upstairs to be with Mis D. I laughed — I'd brought up some old paper & said I must be saving now & use up the old. Mis Tan objected & insisted that for the matter — those older than I must be respectful &

2) use the nice paper! So here I am using my best official paper! Um!

I can't seem to remember what day last week I wrote to you. Since miss Jan has been ill — all the days have been the same — going down to the hospital afternoon & morning & nice her return caring for her. She is surely a dear & I'm grateful to have a place to nurse her back to health & strength. She said today "I expect I'd have died without you worthy aunt". She is much much better. She keeps saying she can go on Friday when we are to go to the country. No more shots to take makes it seem very hopeful. Here daily rains & last night a steady downpour may delay us some but hope not.

Miss Hsu went on on Friday - a boy went from here with her to be sure she was met & help with the luggage. Miss Gin, the Korean woman missionary to China sent by Korean women went to be with Miss Hsu. So we can rest a bit about the work out there.

Since I didn't go as planned, the Sparks burys were here three days for meals. Six is quite an addition to my family. We had foreign (American) breakfasts

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION,
NEW 2 TSI YANG ROAD,
TSINGTAO, SHANTUNG, CHINA.

3] typoid Lan laughed — I didnt have a milk ~~pitchers~~ to put cereal milk in. my little cream pitcher of course didnt begin to hold it. Someday my kitchen may be complete — but it doesnt bother me at all — We manage nicely. Had my last round of guests on Thurs. we + a wonderful time visiting with them. Since then I've settled down nat going, much — sticking to my nursing job! Smithburns are sleeping here tonight for the first time — I hear then thru the wall. got walls all done + floors + will be lovely + cozy too. Their four children are just dears!

Your letter July 11 from Salem was waiting me after I came from leading church service Sun a.m. + it was good — to hear. A letter from Elizabeth too = told of Robert's marriage! + their living in an apt. Matter, was glad to hear of the arrival of some of the packages. I am mailing some today too, at last got Katherine Felderk's jade off. I forgot to tell her but if convenient you might that she can give the $5 to you + you keep it. Sent Grace + Edith a ring + Bessie had wanted a blue ring (+ admired my blue glass pendant. I broke it so I got her blue beads + lapis ring hoping they will be what she likes. I have bought all now but claironné bowl + so far dont found it yet may have to come from Peking later.

4 LeEtta's kimona I can't find ready made. I guess I'll have to get it made up. I wrote asking her again what she wants — I forgot to write it down, wasn't sure whether it was blue slatt (silk) or pongee with blue designs. Miss Fair's brother in post office helps me mail them & it is a big help!!
The package which didn't have duty. went as sample post — not all things that all packages can, I do surely helped so a lot all summer with mailing. It is such a tedious wait & so complicated for one to mail that since he's inside he just puts on the stamps & off they go!
Are you well honey mine? Do you have to take medicine all the time? Thanks for the flower seeds. I expect we'll have to make some definite plans now that Ruth is here for permanent beds. Some have done very well in my "crater". The Sky map has come & I'm so thrilled with it! Thanks heaps —
I'm enclosing Betty Wright's letter — you remember her, I'm sure. You'll enjoy it.
Now guess I'll get to bed — these few days of rest have been good — in spite of the anxiety. I'm quite fat & well. Feel rested now to go to the villages. We're to be back Oct 13. but I'll write before that I can I'm sure from these places. Go to the hotel-seed place, Moore Bell may not have seen Miss Palmers reports I do not know —
Bye-dearest ones. I'll enclose a note to Bessie & Brud if you'll deliver it. Thanks & nitey nite & all my love to my sweetest mumsie —
Irene.

New 2 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
October 17, 1933.

Dearest Home Folks:

This is a busy day! I have to get off to country for another month and have a long list to do! Miss Tan has gone on home & Wen Ting is gone & the new boy is strange so most of it is up to me to do. The things I want to do keep me from sleeping so I got up at 5! expect (clock stopped) & now have finished the S. F. M. S. letters & translations and have all of your letters since Aug 25 before me. There was a grand pile of letters when I came home this time — 5 from Bud & Bessie too. Had a good time visiting with you all! Did you get my messages — a bit unsatisfactory only one-way visiting, eh yes, & a beautiful picture of Hetta. It is lovely isn't it? Was so glad to get it, too!

Will go over the letters first. Matter you spoke of the chicken canned to send. Oh! it would taste good but really it would be impossible to send in glass, a tremendous cost to send & we can get chickens here cheap, of course they aren't the canned flavor but good. No don't spend anything for that. Thanks precious mummie dear for your ever-present thoughtfulness & love. 礼尚往来 = "My heart accepts the gift — with more appreciation than it itself" I'll answer.

No. we aren't in the flood section & the mountains near here aren't heavily forested. Many bare that is up on rocky slopes. The land

is built up in little sections with stone embankment wherever it is possible + cultivated some places almost to the top, Flow the underbrush is kept clean for fuel + there is that lessened danger of fires. You spoke of the man who stood out so for Christ! Yes he was great, they aren't all so true sorry to say - but in America Christianity doesn't get persecution so perhaps those in an equal case might be as true also. Christianity is so thinly watered down, - there is no conflict with Satan as here in persecution etc. It takes the storms to send the oaks roots down! Perhaps the storms of a different kind it's are doing it now. Ray's prophecy re. Woodburn Banks wasn't so far off. That meant both banks didn't it. My what will they do there, great loss to many I'm sure. I'd Many get out in time?. Say something Re Roosevelt's release for all banks that had closed to be opened + pay their debts. This may not be any help to that bank tho.

I was so much better of my old trouble this time. I told you of the girls going to pray for me + how the next time miss Farr was praying + it was as a voice said "Didn't you commit that already at that prayer meeting? Why are you praying now". I had a miserable touch of flu with it or else I'd have been O.K. So grateful to Him for it. I feel as it is a good "pile" I'm sure Ria won't want it even so - race.

The letters to I.F.M.S. girls aren't a huge success,

3) because it was done after I left + they were sent to me — then as I look over them I think some elder folks had a hand in it. One of Kui Fen's is alright. I've made a very free translation for them. I hope they'll write in return + send a picture etc. These girls were delighted to do it but very timid — fearing it be wrong!

Mumie dear, why didn't you so long ago that the flowered paper is not clear to read!!! Dare I've used it so long!! I'll not any more!

Eula old dear, I don't want to keep the money you made at all! You should keep it with your big cuts too! We're going to die out more this year I predict! So far, I am all right enuf to eat - I expect you've suffered more than I. Mrs Tan + I were planing how we could still go on to live in the country if we were all cut off. Eat with the people etc. Well, it isn't there yet but things look pretty bad. I'm glad I can live Chinese. It is easier to-day! I want you to keep the dollar Eula please. I'll try to write Braunrill soon. You've sent them the reports too. I didn't send them when I sent to Calvary, Roseburg, Pendleton + Grande Ronde. Glad you had a nice time at Jan. How are Glenn + Josephine making it? Still have his job? Did Clyde lose his job? Yes. I surely hope he'll keep away from drink. Sorry you lost your pen. Shall I get you

i] at Japanese pen for 1.25 Mex or 25¢ gold — tear yourd have duty. I'll see.

Please remember presbytery — I'm to have sermons in T. Jals Nov. 17 - 20,

Surely too bad about Mr. Spagle. Good he has the baby for comfort; glad the padded shoes is of use! glad you'd a visit with Bernyce. The rug would be lovely with her curtains, I thought you could use cut outs as you wish.

Tell the women to put the Christmas box money in their deficit — It is surely sweet of them — but they'd better put it in the deficit of society — call it my gift if you wish but put it in the deficit. Yes I get the Monthly Sky Mags. I guess me usual jay! I like to hear Ray's Star Sermons, No. I don't need any hats. Wear the almost new; Good you have them.

I haven't told of our trip — but it's after eight now. I must dress + eat. — more later — I'll write at work —

I must get at the day's jobs.
Mrs C. just brought me some home-made peanut butter —.

Love to all

Irene,

Lü Ke Chuang
October 31, 1933

My Precious Minnie dear + all!

Time for a letter. Time a long time ago but tomorrow will be my first good chance to get one out + today is my first time to write. Now must today but at least I want to have a letter on the way. It isn't quite two weeks since I wrote + I don't want the intervals any longer than necessary.

You've had my last letter asking you to pray for W en Hsing. He's not working for me now, as I said. He's one of the disappointments that comes to everyone. He has been so loose in his conduct with girls + women where we've been beside other problems that I can't keep him. In the last place he almost disgraced all of us. Fortunately nothing serious came of his flirtation but

3] return in fact, but of nothing as serious as this. I see now why Judas was in the disciples number. Not that I have been perfect in my dealing with him nor can compare with Jesus but — I've surely tried to carry out Christ's way of life with Him thing, I'm not convinced that it won't work, it will. There were eleven disciples to one Judas. But if even in Christ's inner circle was a Judas, I can't be utterly discouraged over the coach's failure. He is clever & knows the gospel. It is all my prayer that god will eventually bring him back. I promised him he really repents he can return but it will have to be years to prove a real repentance — he's been "sick" for so many.

5:30 next a.m. We're all but packed to go on to our next village home but as we pass a park I want to add a bit more. I want to tell

9) it was just the grace of the Master. Flirtations aren't little innocent things out here. It might have meant that the husband divorce the trouble & she hang herself or some such affair, thanks to the Master — & his plain leading when I told him he must go he tried to pretend a fit of paralysis, out on the floor to save his face. That was a new thing to me but the Holy Spirit just put words in my mouth "You're pretending" "You're pretending" "Get up!" That was the crux of the whole affair. Had he managed to get away with it — all sorts of complications would have arisen — as it was, all glory due to the Holy Spirit's leading, we got him off without serious trouble. He was all repentant when I got home ten days later! but that was pretense too! He's a past master at that, too. It surely has been hard. I've had doubts for some time, since my

4) about the place we went after the coach's affair. We all did our own work & are now & in so many ways it is so much nicer but when we're busy all day with classes it will be a push for time. Here because of peanut & sweet potato harvest we had classes at night only. In Tsingtao I simply have to have help but that will be cared for —

We went to a village- two families of Christians & one had recently built a new building & wanted us to have services in it. Every nite there were from 120 - 160 - 200 people there. They were so quiet & so reverent for a new place & this first time meetings were ever held. Several village-head men came every night & there was a wonderful work of the Holy Spirit. They were so silent for prayer from the first night & it surely exceeded all of every ones dreams. The Christians too were awakened!

Three girls came to stay there to go to classes. We went to a number of villages near where

5] formerly Miss Hsu as a little girl lived, Hen as she'd pass by with unbound feet grown-ups would shout "foreign devil" at her. She was the only little girl to go to the little village school Hen. It was unheard of for girls to go to school. They'd this time have seen that she has turned out so well + gradually they are understanding + the hardness in opening a little. In those villages we talked to a group in a house (hall) + to another on the big street + they listened with attention for about one hour. Miss Hsu said years ago — one couldn't dream of it. It shows how the Spirit is preparing first everywhere We felt that week was surely worth while.

7 Home + out here. This is where we were frightened by the dog + where there was the big revival last spring. Lü Ke Chuang: We found some failures + imperfections of course, but on the whole they have gone ahead beautifully.

fall just on tricks after another to get us, —
but we have God!
& your prayers,

This period was perfect,
Years I have not been so
well! I just praise
Him. The converted bandits'
prayer for ~~my~~ healing us
surely answered!

6. To our delight in the courtyard
here they had built a little two-room
house with a big King just for
such a time as our coming &
others to help them. It shows
progress & Spirit of going ahead
They've kept the little school
open & every Sunday a good
number at church & except
for a few nights have had
prayer meeting every nite
since we left. We are just
delighted. Have a grand
miracle to write up for
young folks. A Christian
Indian son escape from
bandits lands — like
Peter's escape from jail —
Must pack —
Must mail long

Satan is surely raging. Irene
for the work of H.S. So do
get all to pray especially for us. She
wondered if the reports gave idea we didn't
need prayer — Satan has done his

New 2 Sri Yang Road
December 6. 33 6 P.M.

My own Precious Family;

I am just sick at the delays & the long time since I wrote you, & it is worse since I have been home about two weeks. This time I can't say I wasn't near a post office but these weeks have just been so full of meetings & demands on me & vacancies that I have just let the time slip — waiting for a time to really write a letter & not really conscious of the long interval then I have rudely come too to realize that at the earliest this will be there by Dec 27. & I've not even a Christmas letter off to you mother mine! I am surely sorry! I must have been busy someplace in the wrong place — I would think — for surely the Master would not have me neglect you mummy, that way. I felt in meeting the other day this very thing as a sin. I could have written a note at least before — as I say — but I seemed so buried that I was not conscious of my neglect — Please forgive me. I've pondered maybe sending a cable

so quick love a message but that is a very expensive thing — May the Master somehow out of His love make up to you, what my neglect, now too late to amend, has caused in anxiety!

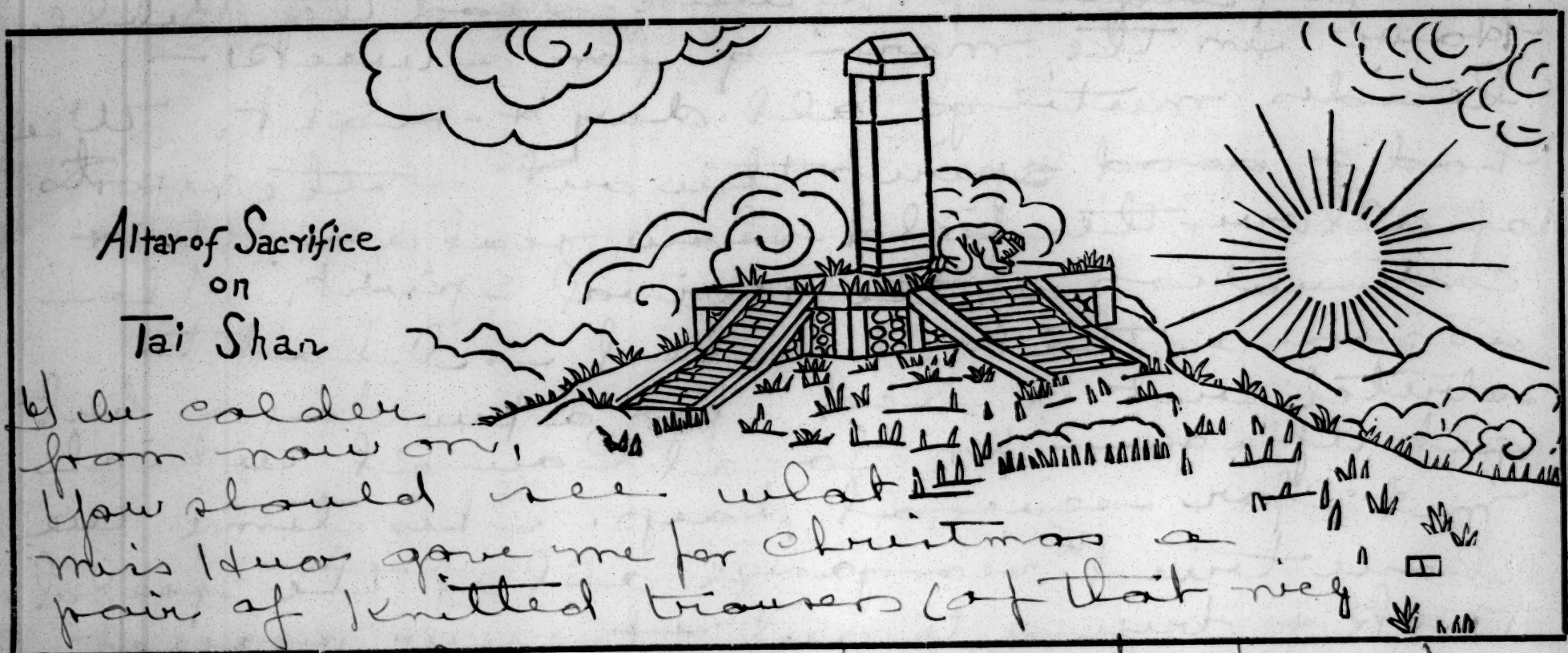
I came home November 15- & all the letters & I've had so many from you too in these weeks! It has been wonderful to be home long enough to get them — See, I've been selfish enjoying yours & not getting as many off for you — Please forgive!

I'll tell you a list of the weeks happenings & then answer your pile of good letters.

We had a good time at Marcia Sing — but find out that the cook had left a bad reputation there so bad in fact that practically no non-christians come to the meetings at all & because of him they were suspicious of the girl's reputations! My, if the vision of bitterness ever entered my soul it was those few days. I just to think — I went there first & then with the girls opened the place & it was such a marvelous opening & then to find that the cook my cook has closed the door to non-christians, Ah! I can't tell the hurt of it — ah! I see now how low it hurt Christ for Judas to be a Judas in His disciples number — I never thought of that before. Somehow I guess I had just condemned Judas to myself & not thought

about the hurt to Christ in the affair. Of course for He called him "friend" at the very last! We have found at four or five places there is this questionable reputation — not that I know just what he did or say that he was outright immoral but he gave occasion for talk by doing questionable things. Well, the hurt of it is a bit gone now — not gone but just surrendered to Him. I do pray that that door will be opened again. The Christians are true & loyal but they too have had scorn put on them as a result — oh my! how patient Jesus is with those who name His name & hermick & scoff it but still he waits for them to repent! Marvelous love! The matter does love us & that Wen Ming found work a few days before we came home is surely proof! He had done everything possible to get back & entreated people to come to intercede for him, even had the little group at his home write & his old mother to write too. He has found work in a very wealthy Chinese family. He came to see me not the least in a humble & repentant mood — but to show me that he had a bicycle to ride & was wearing new kid gloves — but he got no satisfaction from me

4] I would following one impulse liked to have beat him out the gate — of course I couldn't & didn't but I felt just so stopped up from the whole shame & grief of it that I just ignored him which was best. He Knows the truth & the way. May the Holy Spirit convict & really convert him! We were two days trying to get in from there — first day got all packed & waited for a bus. which did come but would not stop. So we went to bed early to get up with the stars to go on wheelbarrows to the train — Oh that was the coldest day we've had all year! They tried to catch the early train 11:30 for Tsingtao — but the young men who had our barrows had taken lazy & not gotten up in time to eat before taking that cold trip 25 li & hadn't fed the mule properly — so they were tired out before we were anywhere near there. Mrs Hsu & I walked fully half of the way partly because of them & partly to keep warm. We were in sight of the train when it came & went — We found a room in an inn just nicely papered — all its walls & ceiling so we sat on the Kang & rested — got home then at 6:30 that night — We surely were glad to get home — These trips will be

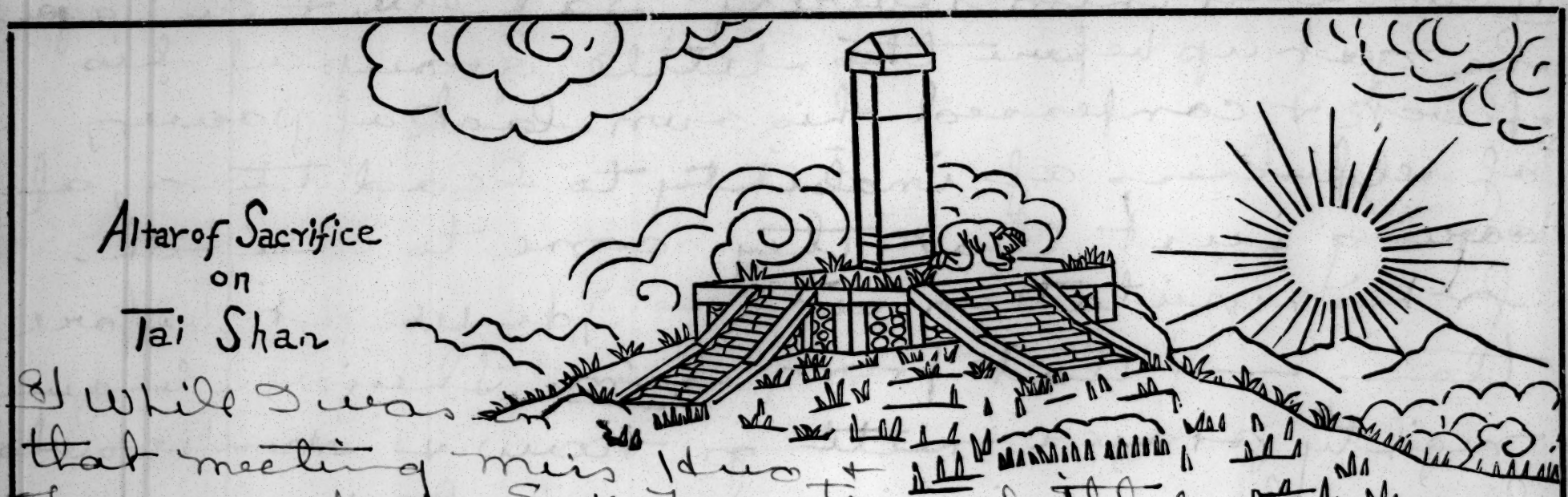


Altar of Sacrifice
on
Tai Shan

by be colder from now on, You should see what Mrs Hsu gave me for Christmas a pair of knitted trousers (of that nice English coat one uses for scarfs - heavy) the waist is pearled about 4" inches + comes up to my arm pits nearly + the legs reach to the ankles! My! there will do me all of my life! Beauties! Warm as can be! Her father is building a new building + she will have a new room to fix up. I'll give her money to get something for her room - chairs perhaps, — oh! these girls are just precious. I am so grateful for them + for our oneness in spirit + all. Yesterday, they had an ordeal of a physical exam taking out life insurance, putting some savings in an endowment policy. They want as soon as they can to independent of the mission funds to work volunteer - so this saving. It will be fine for them,

We were home a day - I had no time hardly to read piled up mail when

Presbytery began for a week. I had the Bible hour in the morning for a week — besides meetings all day + night. We had a good spirit throughout + the reports of all over the field show real growth + continuation of the revival spirit. I was as soon as that finished — I had to scrutch out + lie up for a few days — but get up + go for Local Council which met for several days. This time we have tried to reorganize all of the field work + trying to put the new project system in force. This is to try to put all of the mission funds into new work putting the old churches entirely on themselves. With a couple of field secretaries now — who are to lead all day leaders classes all over the field + try to bring up our leadership. There are so few pastors + most little groups depend on local leadership. This must be trained. I am wire to emphasize more than before a literacy campaign for churches — not nearly all members can read. 10-1 is a low rate of illiteracy for all of China. I expect churches run higher than — Little primary schools formerly run by mission funds + then cut off some years ago are springing up all over — almost every place reported a school — this is local support entirely — so that means progress.



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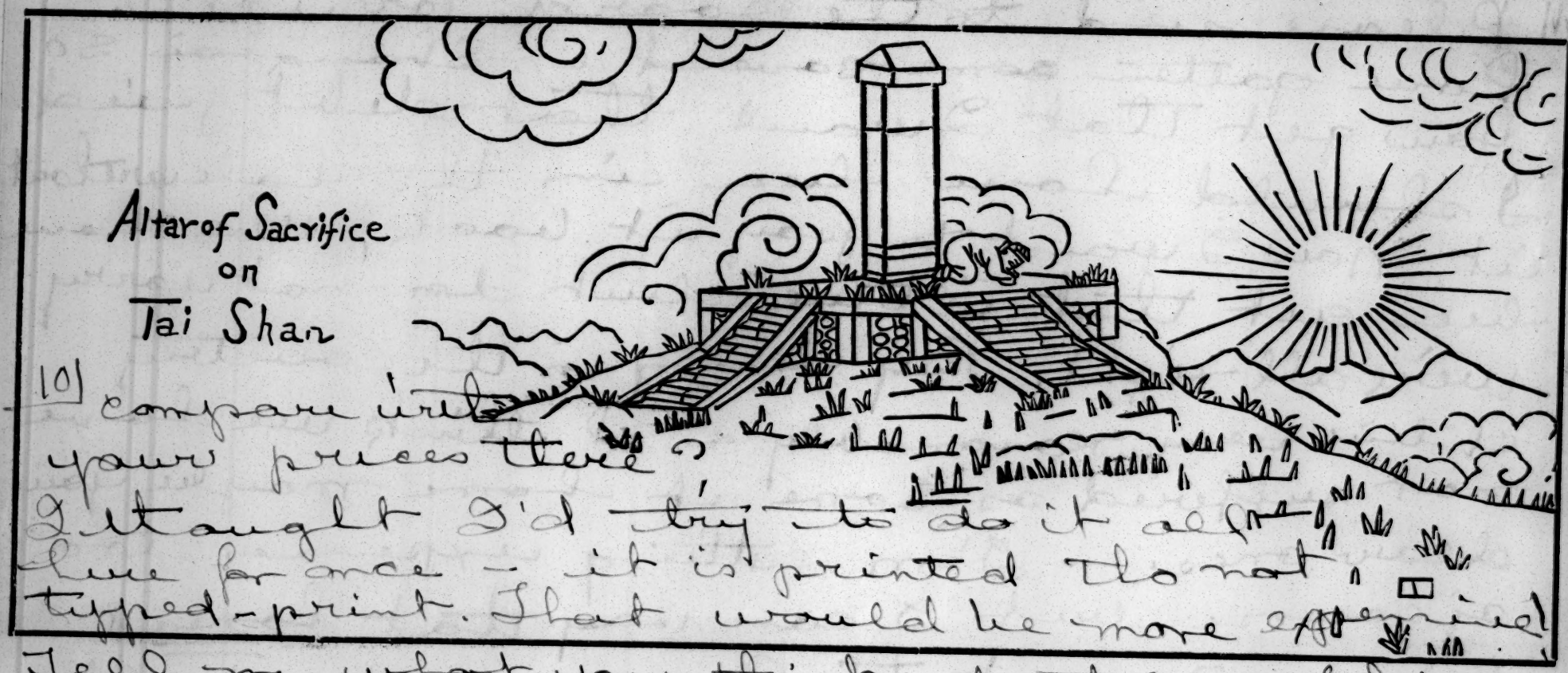
8/ While I was at that meeting Mrs Idus + Dau went to Sui Tang to a little chapel out in the mill section 20 minutes away on the bus. The evangelist there at first begged for help! Those days surely did prove wonderful in reawakening of the dead members + the evangelist himself! Mrs Tan got bronchitis in the middle of time so as soon as the meetings were over I went early a.m + stayed all day —.
Sunday was the last day! This revival movement (as always has had opposition) a certain group is saying Believe + be baptized + that's enuf that they need no repentance nor confession of sin nor cleaning up inside — taking a mere "dead-belief" instead of James "belief with works"! The essence is that they don't want to clean up so reject the whole idea. This evangelist was just that! Even say — "Why I need to pray" etc — "I am all wicked to merely name Christs name & be baptized — at least be as bad as is surely not enuf". Will the Holy Spirit

9) convicted him severely! Sat eve. + Sun again he got up before the little group of his flock + confessed his own lack of power, of selfishness, of inability to lead them, of caring first that they come to church for his reputation etc — I wept before them — that from him. Thurs we began nightly prayer meetings now + members who have been living in sin + feeling no conviction at all have confessed + cleaned up! The ground was all prepared by a hunger + a feeling that they needed something. The Spirit used this word to convict them. That man is Mr. Joe,

This is Wed. Mon + Tues I have been doing two report letters. One an appeal for more prayer + news item (one page) + the other the story of the bandit affair, + a Schedule of places + dates to be put up on church bulletin boards for the reminding for prayer. I am trying having them printed here, Ruth will mail them to you matter 100 of each of letter + 50 schedules. I guess I'll get 100 of these last two — it will mean very little more. You spoke of some printing being done there. What is the cost. I'll get this done for 18.00 Mex or about 6 gold — How does that



101 compare with yours pressed there? I thought I'd try to do it all in blue for once - it is printed tho not typed-print. That would be more appropriate. Tell me what you think of them. This paper I got this summer - here with red pictures. We leave Sat. + you'll see by the schedule when we're back. The last of January for a few weeks - The Braunville letter I must answer with to-day + to-morrow but I'm pretty weary + want to rest a bit before going anyway I'll try a note. I see I have a letter from you. You spoke of the rabbits. Martha Wylie was down a day + brought a beautiful big white rabbit for the Van Lamm boys. She told how the Chinese are doing in Wuhsien in connection with the "God's Acre" movement. Dr. Murray has a lot of Christians until they get a start - then they return them + he loans them again. Then a share of those go to the collection. Mother, I didn't ever repay you the $25 gold loan that made me go. I left that August

111 Please send to the Board for it. I have gotten some saved in Shanghai so you get that I want that debt paid I should have been in the lake without it. Now I want to pay it back, We have been cut that is true but do not worry we're all right. By living in the country it has very reasonably & I think we have not suffered as some at home maybe you dear ones — I'm cutting expenses too of course but I can pay that honest debt & I want to. So you get it! Please

The letter came with the pictures! I did so enjoy them! That was the first I had seen of your hair bobbed. It doesn't show much from the front. Looked very pretty to me so white & curly! That was so sweet of them to take the pictures to send. I had a laugh at Winfield's crazy pose & all! I'd surely love to see them & you all — dear ones!! I'll six more letts from you. I'm just beginning but it is really right so I'll go dress & write after breakfast.

Back again. I'll just not leave here till this is done!

Matter dear — about the jim! Don't worry for a second about it & for pity sakes don't go to get the other cut at all. It would be a shame to waste the jade & that is a tremendous cost. I can get another jade leaf here for

12/ 3 mos & set for 1.50 mos which is 1.50 gold & your pin is far more valuable than that & to cut it would just ruin it. I doubt that they could cut it well even so! If the pin is lost never mind at all. Sell me one later for Clyde. Just rest your heart & enjoy yours & never give it a thought. My! I'm sorry you've had that worry! Please just forget it.

I surely am proud of the boy's grades, it is wonderful for them to be so alike & so equal in ability & tastes —

So you thought I was getting fat — I weigh a bit more than I have before, my face might have looked fat some weeks ago but this past few weeks I've taken some of it away. Not in fat woman's class yet! Guess that was a shadow on the picture! Ha(don't like to admit fatness!) The boys or butters taking up your breakfast gave me a good laugh! Tim. Your remarks on 'gospel in the stars' sermons just gets me so interested but doesn't satisfy my curiosity. You know how I'm interested in stars — Ray couldn't you share the notes. I've had so much pleasure from the star naps! Have you seen Venus just at dark this days! It has been marvelous here! Mather I did want those reports to each of Pres. Sec. of S.W. Oreg. Pendleton & Grande Ronde

13] Yes thank you for the pictures + I'll put in a note for Eula re the lovely dress. Those pictures are just treasure. I like to give them to the Christians they have so few nice pictures in the homes + they like them. Thank you! Yow might send any clippings of particular interest. We get a Trieste Paper + it has world news pretty well. That is I see it when I'm home. I'm pretty much out of touch until I come in + talk a bit here + there to tell me. Am glad for news in your letter. Sorry you've had a cold matter-mine. Your better take "Mell Cod Liver oil" that's a good cold protector.

Enjoyed the Acct of Synodical + glad you enjoyed it. Mumsie dear, I'm glad if there is any honor to be spoken of it me that it goes to matter for I know how much I do owe you dear, It is all for His glory + honor!

'My watch broke' sounded much worse by crossing the ocean. In reality it was a minor repair + I had forgotten all about it until you spoke of sending me yours, No I don't need it — + do not think the trip would be good for your watch + I'd likely have duty to pay on it. Thanks dear. The victrola

14 was a matter of a new spring too, Its all right + in contact herring!
Please thank the S.S. for me. I'll try to get a letter off the next I'm a duck's writing for these two days. If I don't get it off when I come in Jan 28 - I'll have a little time, Mumpie dear, I think if Bertha knew the way I like steak that she would be here, She thinks of me as, in the place all of the time, Margaret Winkett's mother is carving suit may mean a change of work for Margaret in order for her to come, I admit hearted to think of her to come, that deserting so, that was a good joke you not recognizing the blue silk blouse garment that you saw after all that years! Au Revoir + Mary correspondence again? I hope so. What do you hear from Mary? Jos Eula missed her surprise. I wonder if Captain Mc Skelton went in on it. Ray - there are some compensations for birthdays I have answered your question about suit salary - don't worry. I'll manage even if more cut so don't worry. I used to rent the land at Woodburn. Your chicken reminded me of the chicken quiz I had at home. It is sweet of them to remember. Are your people suffering Ray? How much is your cut? Are you keeping it pension at former rate. What I blame regard strongly that is what is back of this treason affair. It is rather disgraceful you may remember what it is in my debt so you must pay that by trading out it. Perhaps I can unravel it + I'd keep it to put someplace else, that

15] would do the parcels like the postmen in Egypt times paying a visit to the church not to deliver their harvest Christmas and that was nothing to do. Soas you have need of Burnett to return my thanks to Hadley, Sir great coat count on it, Mrs Sarah said, as was first agreement. I'm saving to pay you so rule you need it I'll have it to pay. That was my agreement with father you know.

Now about your question about unpacking things. The boxes had to be opened down at the P.O. & the stamps were torn off (I expect by a stamp collector) no doubt figure that cost might have estimated it at a pound more in London than before so money wouldn't produce as much as formerly — I didn't have any duty at all to pay on the box, nor cake, nor on Edith's bag of candy. I'm very glad for the things, the bandages & the pictures those I can't estimate here — whose else, anyway that were it Mrs. Sadd's anyway they are just a bit & I'll use them a lot for rough. Wore them last ever to go out in the rain. As near as I can estimate it was just about an even break with unpacking things or the money perhaps a little more spent on the postage than I judge. Will see how exchange is for another year & decide then about it then. For this year I think it an even break & I thank you all very very much. It is a lot of trouble to pack

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16] boxes, & get them mailed etc. I surely do appreciate it all so much! The cake is just delicious & came thru just so nicely. I have it packed away in tin boxes now to keep & will use it to send to Mrs. Hua's matter, Mrs. Tan, & other friends. The date coatsis (who made them?) came thru so crisp & nice! I was amused at the new cook, His name is Tu, later His, I saw him a piece of the cake & saw he was wrapping it so carefully to give away - he was so proud of it, Well, bony mine, I do thank you for the cake the loving labar & thought, Who made the box I saw the note on the under part of the lid. Did you make the cake to fit the box or the box for the cake? It was so good! will have it Christmas. Thanks all, all for your sweet remembrances!

Eula dear, It was so nice to get a letter from you. It surely is wonderful the way the Lord provides for us in it. Your Spattid dress was so pretty! The white suit is just lovely. Why it is brand new. You'd have laughed at the custom's inspectors. They could not believe it record land, or alot, They took it all over, & even smelled it (I just want to shout, Mrs Tan tases me about smelli & father used to tase me matter about smok night cap) the smell was new even & on sleeves & collar & no dirt — so they s to pay duty 3.68 Mex about $1 gold. worth it tho! Their decision would Todd keep new this for you all xx give my regards to Molly & Mrs. Todd. That

complimented muchly (the brown) out here, Glad a picture from Bertha & a letter from Warren, Thanks too, Sister mine, for the postage on the box. That alite I shall surely enjoy this summer. So glad for news of all. Seems like a long time too since I have seen you all. How are weddings keeping up? Palestine eh? You know you're an extra year for it as it will be an eight if not nine year term? Mr Conradt seems very pessimistic. He says it in 3 years ½ of mine are on the field till be surprised. Well we never know. I hope to be able to live natural enuf to perhaps stand even more + more cuts if necessary & be able to stay. No, I'll not make any change in Board really. I feel that our field here & associates are as true as can be to the word, our mission is very predominately fundamental (if not pugnalistically so in reality they are) As long as I have the supporters I have now I feel I am representing them & as long as from this point I am not hindered in preaching the whole truth of Christ personally why should I change. If I ever came to place of not being free to preach Christ - I'd go to C.I.M. I think, Anyway now I'm not considering any changes. Thanks for your clipping. Nothing like Scott & families when it comes to my letters. I either swamp you with a book or not a word! still hoping to reform! Bud & Bessie, & Mr. & Mrs. Swope - Eula, Roy & Twins & friends & precious nurses dear I'll be in time for Happy New Year!! Christmas gifts - a wee bit more remembers to Ila & J.T.M.S. in one package.

Love, love, to you all,

Schedules are for church bulletin Boards I wish to use — I'm sure I've forgotten some things — must love — Irene

Dec. 20. 1933
Yeh Tow. Pingtu

No.

Dearest Mumsie mine!

There it is near Christmas & can hardly realize it somehow. It has frosted several nights & snowed one morning only so snow & cold hasn't made me feel that is Christmas time. I haven't gone thru any Christmas shopping & window shopping to get the feeling of Christmas — my, you've no idea the feeling of living in a Christmas less land & atmosphere. I feel it is surely more so this years somehow = — & first there days as I've had a rather severe bronchitis & still am peppless so haven't gotten Christmas spirit yet.

There is a man going in with big cans of oil into Tsao Tsun early in the morning so must just a little while to get a letter off! I still feel badly & can't quite see just how I'm to get your Christmas letter slip. Bernice & Bessie's I didn't get off then

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But did get a vase off to Robert + Margaret tho in the rush of packing I didn't get a card in it with "Congratulations" When you write please put it in for me. I'll write all when I get home in January

We were ruling to get off + one of the China Council members came — that took more time — Then Friday it rained all day so we knew that roads Sat. would be impassible. Just as soon as I knew said nit go I was all in so went to bed —

I need to learn how to use spare time, or less do less + learn learned when I'm in with so much demands on picking up necessary ends + getting off etc not to get overtired I need to learn this, I don't believe that the Master wants us to overdo — but I do it too much —

It is so much less taxing to stay out than to go in + try to live there

too. This time trying to get a new
No. broken into the ropes is too
hard. Miss Tan was a real about
helping — We got off early a.m.
& reached Baolai by evening. There
they just built a new church. They
got into a mix-up with the Presbytery
committee had to help with & did
get untied. That was one reason for
our going but apart from that glose
of it. it is a wonderful thing. There
are just a few christians but they got
the volunteer
the help of so many non-christians in
to load bricks
leading carts, & helping that they
built it in six days from time of
starting foundation. We'll go back there
about the middle of January for
the dedication. I'll get pictures
then for you of church etc —
& tell you later of the dedication.
This little groups here are just
beginners — with just no leadership.
An elder here formerly was so
opposed to the revival movement
that he bent over backward, on
bliine & he saved — to say —

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that there is no need of confession
+ repentance. Here we find the
nearest a local leader has
for years at spoken to a sister in
law! A big quarrel + late plugging
their hearts + still they need no
repentance! Can't believe! it makes me
sick + He said "the elder knows
more than these girls"! If that isn't
a Pharisee for you! This time the women
have come true but the men are
still hiding behind the elder!
The Master will in time get them
on their knees I believe. So tell
a heathen he needs no repentance
+ no change is just blasphemy!
Maybe sure the elder has something he
doesn't want to repent of!
I know you'll remember this
little group!
It is time to give the letter
to the girl whose brother will
go early am. to the R.R. depot
with it.

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Ole Monday-nite we had excitement
at 12:30 all at once we were being
bombarded or something — guns cracking
wildly! I got up to find my pumice stone-
Miss Hia hunted for money - - + we
waited — to see what was up —
forty bandits, well armed by the sound,
took three men — evidently they
didnt know of or didnt want the
rich freight! No! If the Master dont
will it — that can not happen
to me even the midst of bandits
I know! Evidently he wants me here
yet for some little more service!
I'm humbly grateful for His
protection! Dont worry
Much much love +
Happy New Year —
Give Bud + Bessie my love +
tell them I'll write soon.
Love to all my dear
ones —
Irene —
How wire loved the cards, Mis Jan reminds
me to thank you + that she's later as usual - Good